

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005 from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, claim 76 is canceled and claim 1 is herein amended.

Support for this amendment is found in claim 1 as originally filed. No new matter is added by the present amendment. Applicants reserve the right to request re-addition of claim 76 upon a finding of allowability of the present claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims having the scope of claims as originally filed in this application or in another application having the same priority date.

Claim Objection

The Office Action on p. 2 ¶4 objects to claim 1 because of the following informality: the term "Formula" is written in singular instead of plural form.

Applicants herein amend claim 1 to correct this clerical error. Therefore, this claim objection can be withdrawn, an action which is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 complies with 35 USC §112 ¶2

The Office Action on p. 3 ¶5(a) rejects claim 1 for having the variable R^{14} which is not included within any of the elected cores and not recited in the definition of the other variables.

Applicants herein amend claim 1 to remove the definition of R^{14} . Therefore, this rejection can be withdrawn, an action that is respectfully requested.

The Office Action on p. 3 ¶5(b) rejects claim 1 with respect to the phrase "... B and R^2 jointly form a C_3 - C_6 aminocarbocycle or a C_2 - C_5 aminoheterocycle optionally substituted at each position with R^7 ...", asserting that the substitution can only be at carbon atoms, rather than at each position.

Claim 1 as here amended is directed to B and R^2 that jointly form a C_3 - C_6 aminocarbocycle or a C_2 - C_5 aminoheterocycle optionally substituted at each carbon position with R^7 . Therefore this rejection can be withdrawn, an action that is respectfully requested.

The Office Action on p. 3-4 ¶5(c) rejects claim 1 because the phrase "... with the proviso that 2 adjacent substituents can optionally form together a C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl ring ..." is not clear.

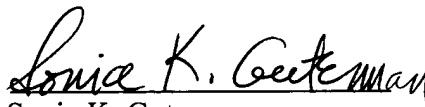
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Applicants herein amend claim 1 to clarify the phrase. Claim 1 as amended is directed to 2 adjacent alkyl substituents that can optionally form together a C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl ring. Further, the phrase "... with the proviso that ..." has been deleted. Therefore this rejection can properly be withdrawn, an action that is respectfully requested.

Summary

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiners are invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number provided.

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